

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



International
Labour
Organization

A POPULATION WITH LITTLE SOCIAL PROTECTION

The Kyrgyz Republic has been recognized as one of the poorest among the post-Soviet countries since independence.

Despite gradual economic growth, the Kyrgyz Republic is still facing some significant challenges related to limited fiscal resources, a large informal economy, a lack of a comprehensive social security system, labour migration due to lack of employment opportunities with decent income levels, youth unemployment, urban-rural discrepancies, and very limited social inclusion. Problems of poverty underlie all these aspects.

BUILDING A SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

ILO's technical assistance on the social protection floor (SPF) in the Kyrgyz Republic started with awareness raising and capacity building of national stakeholders. In 2014, the ILO supported the development of the national Social Development Programme 2015-17, which aims to extend a nationally defined SPF.

An Assessment-based National Dialogue (ABND) process was launched in December 2014 to help develop a roadmap to implement the Social Development Programme. The first ABND was held in June 2015 at the initiative of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development. The main findings were related to the existing social protection system, policy gaps, obstacles for implementing schemes, and recommendations for establishing an SPF in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The second ABND was organized in February 2016 wherein a set of recommendations with four priorities was adopted. The meeting was attended by the Vice Prime Minister and other high-level representatives such as ministers, vice ministers, chairpersons of funds and agencies, social partner organizations and UN agencies.



The ABND identified the following main priorities:

- Increasing the pension level;
- Increasing the benefit to low-income families with children.

And additional priorities:

- Improving the social service system;
- Increasing the level of the maternity benefit.

WORKING AS ONE UN for MORE EFFICIENCY

For the success of the ABND, coordination between ministries, government agencies, employers' and workers' organizations, civil society, and the Development Partners Coordination Council is crucial. The ABND is part of the United Nations Development Agreement Framework (UNDAF).

In February 2015, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic issued the Social Development Programme for the period of 2015-17. The main objective of the Programme is

to ensure proper conditions for the lives and development of children and families from deprived backgrounds and provide them with services of adequate quality.

ILO Recommendation No. 202 was a guide to assess the social protection system and establishment of an SPF in the country.

- Vice Prime Minister Ms. Gulmira Kudaiberdieva



FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Social protection is one of the key priority areas of the UNDAF in the Kyrgyz Republic. The national high-level roundtable identified older persons, poor children, pregnant women, and new mothers and their new-born children as the main target groups. With your support, we can extend social protection to them and improve the social service system to change their lives for the better.

You can support us to improve the social protection floor in the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Finalize the ABND process and report, and organize its launch.

US\$ 50.000

- Support the design of specific social protection floor schemes or the reform of existing schemes based on the ABND recommendations.

US\$ 600.000 for 2016-17

- Carry out promotional activities on maternity protection through legal analysis, training for capacity building, and awareness raising to support the ratification of ILO Convention No.183 (Maternity Protection).

US\$ 200.000 for 2016-20

- Support the development of the Social Development Programme after 2018 by revising the ABND and updating priorities.

US\$ 150.000 for 2018-20

- Improve the social insurance system for the extension of coverage and maintenance of financial sustainability with a long-term perspective.

US\$ 950.000 for 2018-25

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

As a donor, you receive regular reports on the progress made and have access to ongoing project activities and performance indicators.

To further discuss your objectives and the ways in which you can support stakeholders in the Kyrgyz Republic and improve millions of lives, you can contact:



Bolotbek Orokov

ILO National Coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic
orokov@ilo.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

<http://iloglobalprogramme.social-protection.org>



AND FOLLOW US ON

www.facebook.com/SPplatform

www.twitter.com/soc_protection

www.youtube.com/user/llotv

www.linkedin.com/company/social-protection-platform